

## GUANTANAMO BAY

(Mr. MORAN of Virginia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, for weeks this body has been subjected to uninformed, false demagoguery with regard to President Obama's effort to close the prison at Guantanamo Bay.

I want to share some actual facts with regard to the people at Guantanamo Bay. There were 772 sent between the years 2001 and 2003. They are clearly not the worst of the worst. According to the Department of Defense's own Combatant Status Review Tribunal, only 8 percent of detainees were characterized as fighters, 92 percent were not fighters.

Of all the foreign nationals at Guantanamo Bay, only 5 percent were captured by United States forces, 2 percent by coalition forces, but 93 percent were turned in primarily by Pakistani forces in return for ransom, oftentimes for as much as \$5,000. And from DoD records, a significant majority of the detainees are not even accused of committing a single hostile act.

Madam Speaker, it is time to put aside the rhetoric and start informing our constituents. We are a better Nation than the demagoguery we've been subjected to over Guantanamo Bay.

FINANCIAL EMERGENCY FACING  
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

(Mr. TOWNS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I would like to talk about the financial emergency facing the postal service. We must act now to correct this problem.

The postal service lost nearly \$2 billion in the second quarter and expects to lose more than \$6.5 billion in 2009, despite cutting billions in costs. It faces an unprecedented decline in mail volume due to the recession and the diversion of mail to electronic communication.

Uniquely, the postal service is required to pay over \$5 billion annually into the Retiree Health Benefits Trust Fund, which is overfunded compared to similar companies. An inflexible law requires the postal service to shell out billions of dollars to prefund retiree benefits, regardless of economic or financial conditions.

The postal service expects a cash shortfall of \$1.5 billion at the end of the fiscal year and might not be able to meet its financial obligations. This situation is a threat to postal employees and customers. We must act now to address the financial emergency at the postal service and continue to work on its long-term challenges as well.

## HEALTH CARE REFORM

(Ms. WATSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WATSON. Madam Speaker, we urgently need to fix health care for American families, for American businesses, and for our fiscal future.

President Barack Obama and his Congress want to reduce your cost, offer you the choice of doctors and plans, and guarantee affordable quality health care for all. Cost less and cover more. Your choice: you have it, you like it, then you keep it. Security and peace of mind. Quality patient-centered care.

We need a uniquely American solution that builds on the best of what works to foster competition among private plans and provide patients with quality choices. We must ensure that every child in America is covered. We must invest in prevention and wellness. We must ensure that doctors and nurses get the information they need.

Never again will your coverage be denied, and never again will we have to make a life or a job decision based on coverage.

Never let your family suffer financial catastrophe or bankruptcy because of high medical costs.

## DEMOCRATS' BROKEN PROMISES

(Mr. BOEHNER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BOEHNER. Madam Speaker and my colleagues, 3 years ago the Democrat leadership, in their document "A New Direction," made these promises: "Every person in America has a right to have his or her voice heard. No Member of Congress should be silenced on the House floor."

Secondly: "Respectful of both the wishes of the Founders and the expectations of the American people, we offer the following principles to restore democracy in the people's House, guaranteeing that the voices of all people are heard."

And, thirdly, one of those principles was this: "Bills should generally come to the floor under a procedure that allows for an open, full, and fair debate, consisting of a full amendment process that grants the minority its right to offer alternatives, including a substitute."

Madam Speaker, today, and over the last few months, the majority is breaking its promise. Why? Because Democrats here in Congress just can't spend taxpayer money fast enough. It is bad for taxpayers who are already paying too much, and it's even worse for future generations who will inherit the Democrats' mountain of unsustainable debt.

Americans want Democrats to stop the spending and start keeping their promises, like helping to create more jobs in America. Where are the jobs

that the administration and Democrats in Congress promised? After we passed the stimulus bill, where are the jobs? We haven't seen them yet. The American people deserve better, and Republicans will continue to demand it.

Madam Speaker, in my hand is the most dangerous credit card in the history of the world, it is also the most expensive: it is a voting card for Members of Congress. This voting card this year has been used to rack up trillions of dollars worth of additional debt, additional debt that our kids and our grandkids will be burdened under and will be imprisoned by.

Listen, we've got important work to do here on the floor, such as the Defense Authorization bill that we are about to take up. Republicans have been working with Democrats on this bill to get it done in a bipartisan way. And I think we also have a responsibility to protect taxpayers from Washington's out-of-control spending. We take that seriously as well, and we will never yield in our effort to protect taxpayers and future generations.

## MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. BOEHNER. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to adjourn.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Mr. BOEHNER. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 96, nays 308, not voting 29, as follows:

[Roll No. 424]

## YEAS—96

Aderholt	Frank (MA)	Nunes
Akin	Frelinghuysen	Olson
Alexander	Galleghy	Paul
Austria	Garrett (NJ)	Pence
Bachus	Gingrey (GA)	Petri
Barrett (SC)	Gohmert	Pitts
Bartlett	Goodlatte	Radanovich
Barton (TX)	Granger	Roe (TN)
Blackburn	Harper	Rogers (AL)
Boehner	Hastings (WA)	Rogers (MI)
Bonner	Hensarling	Rohrabacher
Broun (GA)	Hunter	Ryan (WI)
Burton (IN)	Inglis	Scalise
Calvert	Jenkins	Schmidt
Camp	Johnson (IL)	Schock
Cantor	Johnson, Sam	Sensenbrenner
Cao	Jones	Sessions
Capito	King (IA)	Shimkus
Carter	Kingston	Smith (NE)
Chaffetz	Kline (MN)	Smith (TX)
Chandler	Lamborn	Souder
Clay	Latham	Stearns
Coble	Lewis (CA)	Thompson (PA)
Coffman (CO)	Lummis	Thornberry
Cole	Lungren, Daniel	Tiahrt
Crenshaw	E.	Turner
Culberson	McCauley	Wamp
Duncan	McKeon	Whitfield
Fallin	McMorris	Wilson (SC)
Flake	Rodgers	Wittman
Fleming	Miller, Gary	Young (AK)
Forbes	Myrick	Young (FL)
Fox	Neugebauer	

## NAYS—308

Ackerman	Arcuri	Baldwin
Adler (NJ)	Baca	Barrow
Altmire	Bachmann	Bean
Andrews	Baird	Becerra

Berkley  
 Berry  
 Biggert  
 Bilbray  
 Bilirakis  
 Bishop (GA)  
 Bishop (NY)  
 Blumenauer  
 Blunt  
 Boccheri  
 Bono Mack  
 Boozman  
 Boren  
 Boswell  
 Boucher  
 Boustany  
 Boyd  
 Brady (PA)  
 Braley (IA)  
 Bright  
 Brown (SC)  
 Brown, Corrine  
 Brown-Waite,  
   Ginny  
 Buchanan  
 Burgess  
 Butterfield  
 Buyer  
 Capps  
 Capuano  
 Carnahan  
 Carney  
 Carson (IN)  
 Cassidy  
 Castle  
 Castor (FL)  
 Childers  
 Clarke  
 Cleaver  
 Clyburn  
 Cohen  
 Conaway  
 Connolly (VA)  
 Cooper  
 Costa  
 Costello  
 Courtney  
 Crowley  
 Cuellar  
 Cummings  
 Dahlkemper  
 Davis (AL)  
 Davis (CA)  
 Davis (IL)  
 Davis (KY)  
 Davis (TN)  
 Deal (GA)  
 DeFazio  
 DeGette  
 Delahunt  
 DeLauro  
 Dent  
 Diaz-Balart, L.  
 Diaz-Balart, M.  
 Dingell  
 Doggett  
 Donnelly (IN)  
 Dreier  
 Driehaus  
 Edwards (MD)  
 Ehlers  
 Ellison  
 Emerson  
 Engel  
 Eshoo  
 Etheridge  
 Farr  
 Fattah  
 Filner  
 Fortenberry  
 Foster  
 Franks (AZ)  
 Fudge  
 Giffords  
 Gonzalez  
 Gordon (TN)  
 Graves  
 Grayson  
 Green, Al  
 Green, Gene  
 Griffith  
 Grijalva  
 Guthrie  
 Gutierrez  
 Hall (NY)  
 Hall (TX)  
 Halvorson  
 Hare  
 Harman

Hastings (FL)  
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 Herseth Sandlin  
 Higgins  
 Hill  
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 Hinchey  
 Hinojosa  
 Hirono  
 Hodes  
 Hoekstra  
 Holden  
 Holt  
 Honda  
 Inslee  
 Israel  
 Issa  
 Jackson (IL)  
 Jackson-Lee  
   (TX)  
 Johnson (GA)  
 Johnson, E. B.  
 Jordan (OH)  
 Kagen  
 Kanjorski  
 Kaptur  
 Kildee  
 Kilpatrick (MI)  
 Kilroy  
 Kind  
 King (NY)  
 Kirk  
 Kirkpatrick (AZ)  
 Kissell  
 Klein (FL)  
 Kosmas  
 Kratovil  
 Kucinich  
 Lance  
 Langevin  
 Larsen (WA)  
 Larson (CT)  
 LaTourette  
 Latta  
 Lee (CA)  
 Lee (NY)  
 Levin  
 Linder  
 Lipinski  
 LoBiondo  
 Loeback  
 Lofgren, Zoe  
 Lowey  
 Lucas  
 Luetkemeyer  
 Luján  
 Lynch  
 Mack  
 Maffei  
 Maloney  
 Manzullo  
 Markey (CO)  
 Markey (MA)  
 Marshall  
 Massa  
 Matheson  
 Matsui  
 McCarthy (CA)  
 McCarthy (NY)  
 McClintock  
 McCollum  
 McCotter  
 McDermott  
 McGovern  
 McHugh  
 McIntyre  
 McMahon  
 McNerney  
 Meeks (NY)  
 Melancon  
 Mica  
 Michaud  
 Miller (FL)  
 Miller (MI)  
 Miller (NC)  
 Miller, George  
 Minnick  
 Mitchell  
 Mollohan  
 Moore (KS)  
 Moore (WI)  
 Moran (KS)  
 Moran (VA)  
 Murphy (CT)  
 Murphy (NY)  
 Murphy, Patrick  
 Murphy, Tim

Murtha  
 Nadler (NY)  
 Napolitano  
 Neal (MA)  
 Nye  
 Oberstar  
 Obey  
 Olver  
 Ortiz  
 Pallone  
 Pascrell  
 Pastor (AZ)  
 Paulsen  
 Payne  
 Perlmutter  
 Perriello  
 Peters  
 Peterson  
 Pingree (ME)  
 Platts  
 Poe (TX)  
 Polis (CO)  
 Pomeroy  
 Posey  
 Price (GA)  
 Price (NC)  
 Putnam  
 Quigley  
 Rahall  
 Rehberg  
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 Reyes  
 Richardson  
 Rodriguez  
 Rogers (KY)  
 Rooney  
 Ros-Lehtinen  
 Roskam  
 Ross  
 Rothman (NJ)  
 Roybal-Allard  
 Royce  
 Rush  
 Ryan (OH)  
 Salazar  
 Sanchez, Linda  
   T.  
 Sanchez, Loretta  
 Schakowsky  
 Schauer  
 Schiff  
 Schrader  
 Schwartz  
 Scott (GA)  
 Scott (VA)  
 Serrano  
 Sestak  
 Sherman  
 Sires  
 Skelton  
 Slaughter  
 Smith (NJ)  
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 Speier  
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 Sutton  
 Tanner  
 Tauscher  
 Taylor  
 Teague  
 Terry  
 Thompson (CA)  
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 Upton  
 Van Hollen  
 Velázquez  
 Visclosky  
 Walden  
 Walz  
 Wasserman  
 Schultz  
 Waters  
 Watson  
 Watt  
 Weiner  
 Welch  
 Westmoreland

Wexler  
 Wilson (OH)

Wolf  
 Woolsey

Wu  
 Yarmuth

#### NOT VOTING—29

Abercrombie  
 Berman  
 Bishop (UT)  
 Brady (TX)  
 Campbell  
 Cardoza  
 Conyers  
 Dicks  
 Doyle  
 Edwards (TX)

Ellsworth  
 Gerlach  
 Hoyer  
 Kennedy  
 Lewis (GA)  
 Marchant  
 McHenry  
 Meek (FL)  
 Rangel  
 Ruppersberger

Sarbanes  
 Shadegg  
 Shea-Porter  
 Shuler  
 Shuster  
 Simpson  
 Stupak  
 Sullivan  
 Waxman

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Messrs. CUMMINGS, LUJÁN, BRALEY of Iowa, FARR, ELLISON, BUTTERFIELD, DENT, LUETKEMEYER, COSTELLO, TAYLOR, BRIGHT, BERRY, JOHNSON of Georgia, ADLER of New Jersey, COURTNEY, SERRANO and Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Messrs. DUNCAN, SCALISE, and GOODLATTE changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the motion to adjourn was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later today.

#### DISABLED MILITARY RETIREE RELIEF ACT OF 2009

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2990) to provide special pays and allowances to certain members of the Armed Forces, expand concurrent receipt of military retirement and VA disability benefits to disabled military retirees, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H. R. 2990

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Disabled Military Retiree Relief Act of 2009”.

#### SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title.

Sec. 2. Table of contents.

#### TITLE I—COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND MILITARY RETIREES

##### Subtitle A—Bonuses and Special and Incentive Pays

Sec. 101. One-year extension of certain bonus and special pay authorities for reserve forces.

Sec. 102. One-year extension of certain bonus and special pay authorities for health care professionals.

Sec. 103. One-year extension of special pay and bonus authorities for nuclear officers.

Sec. 104. One-year extension of authorities relating to title 37 consolidated special pay, incentive pay, and bonus authorities.

Sec. 105. One-year extension of authorities relating to payment of other title 37 bonuses and special pay.

Sec. 106. One-year extension of authorities relating to payment of referral bonuses.

Sec. 107. Technical corrections and conforming amendments to reconcile conflicting amendments regarding continued payment of bonuses and similar benefits for certain members.

##### Subtitle B—Retired Pay Benefits

Sec. 111. Recomputation of retired pay and adjustment of retired grade of Reserve retirees to reflect service after retirement.

Sec. 112. Election to receive retired pay for non-regular service upon retirement for service in an active reserve status performed after attaining eligibility for regular retirement.

##### Subtitle C—Concurrent Receipt of Military Retired Pay and Veterans' Disability Compensation

Sec. 121. One-year expansion of eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay and veterans' disability compensation to include all chapter 61 disability retirees regardless of disability rating percentage or years of service.

#### TITLE II—FEDERAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

##### Subtitle A—General Provisions

Sec. 201. Credit for unused sick leave.

Sec. 202. Limited expansion of the class of individuals eligible to receive an actuarially reduced annuity under the civil service retirement system.

Sec. 203. Computation of certain annuities based on part-time service.

Sec. 204. Authority to deposit refunds under FERS.

Sec. 205. Retirement credit for service of certain employees transferred from District of Columbia service to Federal service.

##### Subtitle B—Non-Foreign Area Retirement Equity Assurance

Sec. 211. Short title.

Sec. 212. Extension of Locality Pay.

Sec. 213. Adjustment of special rates.

Sec. 214. Transition schedule for locality-based comparability payments.

Sec. 215. Savings provision.

Sec. 216. Application to other eligible employees.

Sec. 217. Election of additional basic pay for annuity computation by employees.

Sec. 218. Regulations.

Sec. 219. Effective dates.

#### TITLE III—DEEPWATER OIL AND GAS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FUNDING SOURCE REPEAL

Sec. 301. Repeal.